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Letter dated 29 October 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Joint Statement of Trilateral Cooperation, signed by H.E. Mr. Petru Lucinschi, President of the Republic of Moldova, H.E. Mr. Leonid Kuchma, President of Ukraine and H.E. Mr. Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania, at the meeting at Chisinau on 22 October 1998 (see annex).

May we request your kind assistance in circulating the present statement as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 36, 64, 91 (a) and 93 (d).

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Annex

Chisinau Statement on Trilateral Cooperation signed by the Presidents of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine on 22 October 1998

At the meeting in Chisinau on 22 October 1998, the Presidents of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine, confirming the firm political will of their States set forth in the statement on trilateral cooperation of 3 July 1997,

Considering trilateral cooperation as an important supplement to the efforts of the three States in integration into European structures,

Willing to intensify efforts in implementing certain projects aimed at creating favourable conditions for cooperation in various fields, agreed upon the following:

1. To broaden the cooperation among the three States on issues of mutual interest within the framework of major international organizations, regional cooperation structures and initiatives.

2. To support local authorities in creating the Upper Prut "Euro-region" and in developing cooperation within the framework of the recently created Lower Danube "Euro-region". To coordinate joint steps in drawing practical support on behalf of international organizations, structures and institutions, in particular, the European Union, the Council of Europe, the Association of European Regions, the East-West Institute.

3. To study the possibility of working out a legal basis for measures and mechanisms of excluding payments for the use of roads and vehicle transit which are not stipulated by bilateral agreements.

4. To initiate the creation of a mechanism of consultations with respect to implementing projects on energy resources transportation, including those of the Caspian Sea region.

5. To coordinate the procedures of importing, exporting and transiting dangerous substances and waste with the aim of regulating their transportation in the territory of the three States.

6. To sign a memorandum on crime prevention.

7. To promote the creation of an automated system of exchanging information on earthquakes and other emergencies and to pursue a policy of cooperation in overcoming their consequences.

8. The Presidents of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine expressed their concern over the lack of real progress in the process of settling the issues in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova and supported their peaceful and final settlement as well as the definition of Transnistrian status as a component of the single, sovereign, independent and territorially integrated Republic of Moldova. The Presidents declared for the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the Budapest and Lisbon Summits of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) on withdrawal of the military formations of the Russian Federation from the territory of the Republic of Moldova. In this regard the importance of monitoring the withdrawal process by the OSCE mission in Republic of Moldova was stressed.

9. The Presidents of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine share the concern of the international community regarding the developments in the Yugoslavian province of Kosovo, support the OSCE actions on the peaceful settlement of the conflict and agree with the positive assessment of the recent changes in the Balkans.

10. Within the broader context of European security, support for the strengthening of the OSCE role as a tool for conflict prevention, crisis settlement and post-conflict rehabilitation was expressed.

11. The Presidents condemned the attempt to change the constitutional order in Georgia by force of arms and expressed their support for resolute actions by the lawfully elected president, Eduard Shevardnadze, together with other branches of power in Georgia aimed at re-establishing calm and legal order. In this regard the belief has been confirmed that the process of continuing democratic reforms in Georgia must go on and this would lead to maintaining a favourable climate for implementing major regional and interregional projects in which Georgia has an important role.

12. The Presidents of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine agreed to cooperate in alleviating the impact of current regional and global economic crises on their States, hoping that the international community will support the efforts of transition economies in overcoming the impact of those crises on further economic and social reforms.

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